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Mr James Semler
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Dear Semler:

I received your letter this morning asking about the terms for the 25th and 29th. We are going to these parks on the same terms as last year, except in Patterson where the rent is cheaper. Last year we paid \$50.00 rent, and this year they are letting us have the park for \$40.00/rent. This includes ground-keepers.

You know these games are arranged with one thought in mind, trying to find something to do for the days we have idle. Due to the fact we have to pay the men for everyday, we should try to find something to do as many days as we can. We also have to give a lot of thought to the transportation problem this year. We went south week before last, and it was not so hot traveling on the trains. It is almost impossible to get trains out of the city when you want them to the next place you are going, then you have to worry with the bats etc. In addition to this it is really very expensive. Abe saw Greene in Baltimore yesterday and he told him Tom was calling a meeting for the last of this month. Maybe we will be able to make some plans then.

About the terms for the games, in Trenton we pay 20% park rent, pay for help, then placards, balls, umpires, \$40.00 for lights. We did very nicely there the last few games we played last year. We split the balance 50-50. In Patterson the park rent is a flat \$40.00, we have the same expenses we have in Trenton except for the lights.

Now I have no desire to consider these games my promotions. If you can think of something that will help to swell the crowd, lets get together. I would like to be able to play some place mid week, so we can get some money to help pay salarys. let me hear from you.

Very Truly Yours